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1. AT CCD PLENARY AUG. 14, GARCIA ROBLES (MEXICO) TOOK THE VIEW THAT TEXT WORKED OUT BY EXPERTS' GROUP EVENING OF AUG. 13 WAS NO LONGER SUBJECT TO CHANGE. HE HELD THAT A TEXT REPRESENTED "PRECARIOUS BALANCE" AND ANY EFFORT TO MAKE FURTHER MODIFICATIONS WOULD OPEN UP WHOLE STUDY AND MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO FINISH WORK OF GROUP. HE RECOGNIZED THAT SOME DELS WOULD STILL HAVE TO RECEIVE FINAL INSTRUCTIONS, BUT SUGGESTED THAT THESE DELS COULD SUBMIT INTERPRETIVE STATEMENTS OR RESERVATIONS, WHICH COULD BE APPENDED TO STUDY, TO COVER ANY DIFFICULTIES THEY HAD WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PRESENT TEXT.

2. MARTIN (US) MAINTAINED THAT, GIVEN GROUND RULES ADOPTED FOR STUDY AND HIGHLY SENSITIVE NATURE OF SUBJECT MATTER, IT WOULD NOT BE REASONABLE TO DENY GOVERNMENTS MINIMUM TIME NECESSARY TO EXAMINE AD REFERENDUM TEXT. HE INSISTED THAT TEXT WORKED OUT AUG. 13 WAS AD REFERENDUM AND WAS THEREFORE SUBJECT TO FURTHER ALTERATION. HE PROPOSED EXPERTS' GROUP MEETING MONDAY MORNING TO CONSIDER FURTHER SUGGESTIONS ANY DELS WISHED TO MAKE AND ANOTHER MEETING MONDAY EVENING FOR EXPERTS TO APPROVE TRANSMITTAL OF STUDY TO CCD (WHICH WOULD TAKE PLACE FORMALLY AT AUG. 19 PLENARY MEETING). HE SAID THAT IN VIEW OF TIMING PROBLEMS RAISED BY MEXICO AND OTHER DELS, HE WOULD AGREE THAT MONDAY EVENING SHOULD BE DEADLINE FOR EXPERTS' AGREEMENT TO TRANSMIT REPORT TO CCD. MARTIN SAID US DECISION WHETHER TO JOIN CONSENSUS FOR TRANSMITTAL TO CCD WOULD DEPEND ON OUTCOME OF MONDAY MORNING'S CONSIDERATION OF ANY FURTHER PROPOSED CHANGES.

3. GARCIA ROBLES AGREED TO PROPOSAL OF MONDAY DEADLINE FOR CHANGES, BUT PROPOSED "CONSENSUS" PROCEDURE THAT WOULD, IN EFFECT, HAVE GIVEN ANY EXPERT POWER TO VETO ANY PROPOSED INSERTION BY ANOTHER EXPERT. MARTIN REJECTED THIS, POINTING TO RULE, ADOPTED BY CCD WHEN IT ORGANIZED STUDY, THAT ANY EXPERT WOULD HAVE RIGHT TO HAVE HIS VIEWS INCORPORATED IN STUDY.

4. AFTER GARCIA ROBLES CONCEDED THIS POINT, CONSENSUS WAS ADOPTED, WHEREBY (A) ANY FURTHER DRAFTING SUGGESTIONS WOULD BE PROPOSED AND CONSIDERED BY GROUP MONDAY MORNING; (B) ANY EXPERTS WHO WISHED TO "BALANCE" ANY NEW LANGUAGE THUS INCORPORATED INTO STUDY COULD SUBMIT THEIR FORMULATIONS IN AFTERNOON WITH UNDERSTANDING THESE WOULD BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT FURTHER DISCUSSION; (C) EXPERTS WOULD MEET IN EVENING TO SIGN REPORT.

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5. COMMENT: IN LIGHT OF STRONG DESIRE BY MAJORITY OF EXPERTS TO CONSIDER CURRENT TEXT FINAL AND TO FORCE US TO DEAL WITH ANY PROBLEMS THROUGH INTERPRETIVE STATEMENTS, PRESENT ARRANGEMENT SEEMS BEST WE COULD ACHIEVE AND BETTER THAN WE MIGHT HAVE EXPECTED. IT SHOULD PERMIT US TO MAKE MINIMUM CHANGES IN STUDY WASHINGTON DEEMS ESSENTIAL. IT SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED, HOWEVER, THAT AGREED PROCEDURE WILL ALLOW OTHERS TO

HAVE LAST CRACK AT BALANCING STATEMENTS. SINCE WE
WILL HAVE NO CONTROL OVER STATEMENTS INSERTED TO BALANCE
OR REBUT ANY CHANGES WE HAVE TO MAKE, OUR SUGGESTIONS
SHOULD BE AS MINIMAL AS POSSIBLE AND SHOULD BE
DESIGNED TO AVOID STRONG REACTIONS.

6. RE TIMING, IN LIGHT OF AGREED SCHEDULE, IT IS
ESSENTIAL THAT WE RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS BY OPENING OF
BUSINESS MONDAY. WE URGE THAT INSTRUCTIONS
INDICATE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR ENDORSEMENT OF
STUDY AND AUTHORIZE US TO SIGN STUDY IF THESE
REQUIREMENTS ARE MET, SINCE SCHEDULE WILL NOT PERMIT
FURTHER REPORTING AND REVIEW BEFORE DEADLINE.
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